

Charlie Partridge's notes from the ATSDR de-briefing, 6/13/18

The attached Powerpoint is pre-decisional and for internal use only.

There will be a public meeting in Anaconda tentatively scheduled for July 10th to present the results of the listening sessions and present ATSDR plans. RA would like to attend this meeting.

ATSDR briefed RA 6/13/18 9:30am (in attendance David Dorian, Kai Elgethun, Libby Faulk, Chris Wardel)

ATSDR de-briefed Charlie P. @10:30 (Kai, David, Chris)

Topic of Discussion was the results of the May10th listening session ATSDR held in Anaconda and possible actions to the community concerns

The Powerpoint describes the topics and issues discussed in the meeting

I will highlight several issues that may have SF remedial implications:

1. Attic Dust Health Consult- ATSDR would like offer letter health consultations to home owners who choose to have their attics remediated. Air data inside the home would provide the basis of the health evaluation. Assuming the risk has been eliminated, the letters would provide documentation for a future home sale (apparently a cause of the reticence to embrace the existing attic clean-up program) use to provide them with data on attic dust, interior dust, exterior soils and air data(if available).
2. Game animal tissue study- EPA will provide ATSDR the results of the MSU game animal study for a possible health consult.
3. Produce/Vegetable study- EPA will provide ATSDR with any historical vegetable data. EPA will also provide ATSDR with information of the garden soil replacement program. EPA may conduct a limited vegetable study this summer in cooperation with the local gardening club and MSU agricultural extension program. ATSDR (or MTPHHS through the ATSDR COOP program) could evaluate the data. Tentatively this would entail identifying 10-20 local gardens and collecting selected vegetables/produce from the gardens.
4. Air/dust study- EPA would provide ATSDR with historical or available air quality data to inform discussion of future air monitoring. If additional or current data is required, EPA would establish a small air monitoring study, similar to what is currently being done at Colorado Smelter. EPA is currently in possession of an air monitor that can be quickly installed if needed. SAP/QAPP has already been written and would be easy to accomplish. The major concern comes from a recently built special needs (K-12) school that is located ~1/2mi from the base of the largest slag pile. The school complains of constantly having black dust present.
5. ATSDR will organize monthly meeting (health-based focus)-Attendee list ATSDR, MT health reps, City/county health reps, EPA-Charlie C., Charlie P., Nikia G., PRP reps as needed and by invitation only.
6. ATSDR is interested in concentration of arsenic in tap water with sampling at the tap, following concerns that water mains are buried in slag. ATSDR recognized EPA might be best entity to sample. This would dovetail with Aug/September Exposure Investigation. EPA to provide any historical data available